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The **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)**— responding to a letter from Roxana Saberi, the Iranian-American journalist who spent almost four months in an Iranian cell—today demanded the release of seven Iranian Baha'i prisoners of conscience who are set to go on trial Saturday and could face the death penalty, noting that this particular action is just one manifestation of the much broader pattern and practice of the theocratically supported repression that marks Iran's current electoral crisis.

"In addition to the hundreds of Iranians who have been detained in the context of Iran's disputed presidential poll, many other 'security detainees' arrested long before the June election remain behind bars," wrote Miss Saberi in a letter to **USCIRF** requesting U.S. government intervention in the Baha'i case. "These Iranians and the authorities who have detained them need to know that the Iranian people's human rights are a matter of international concern."